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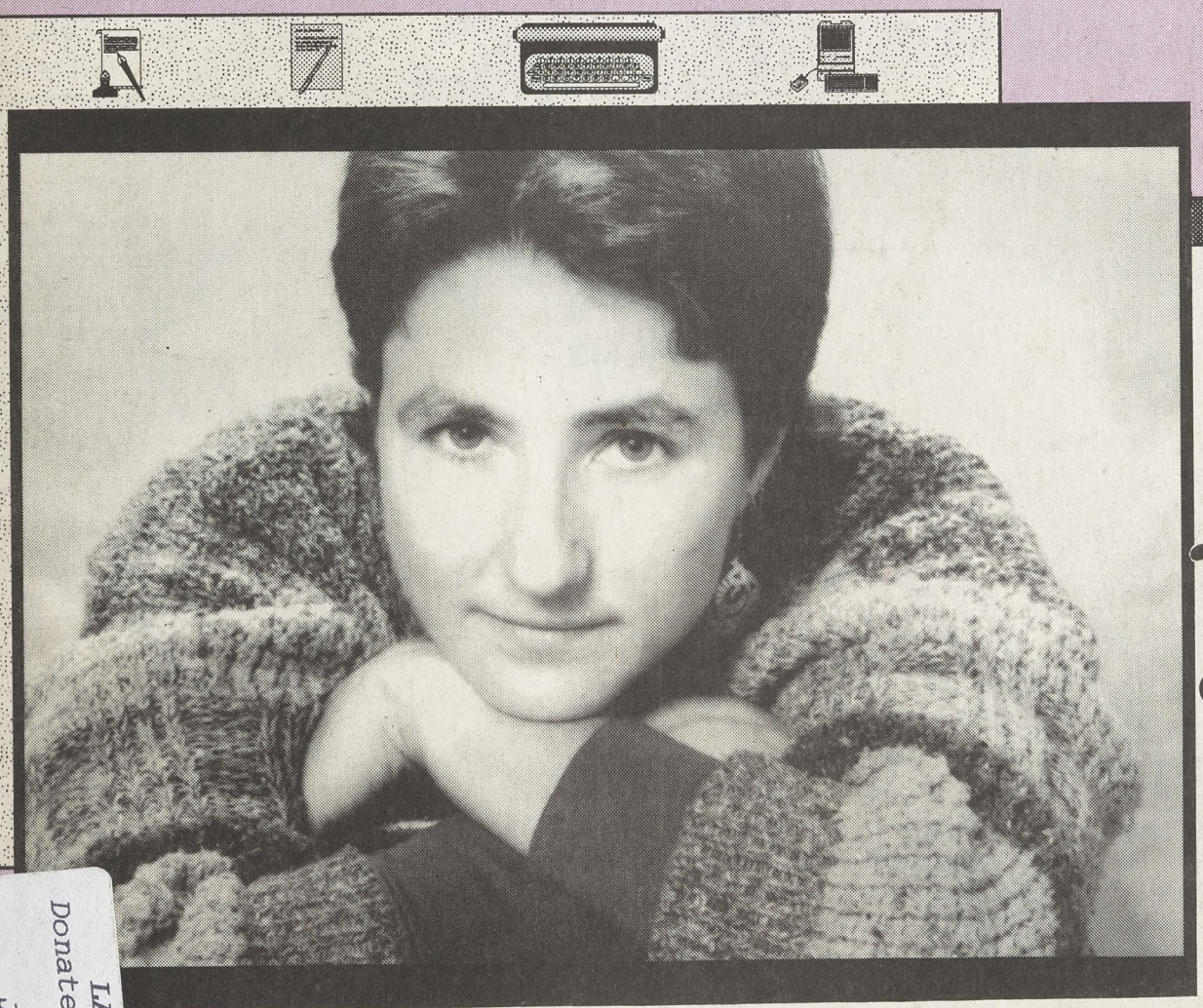

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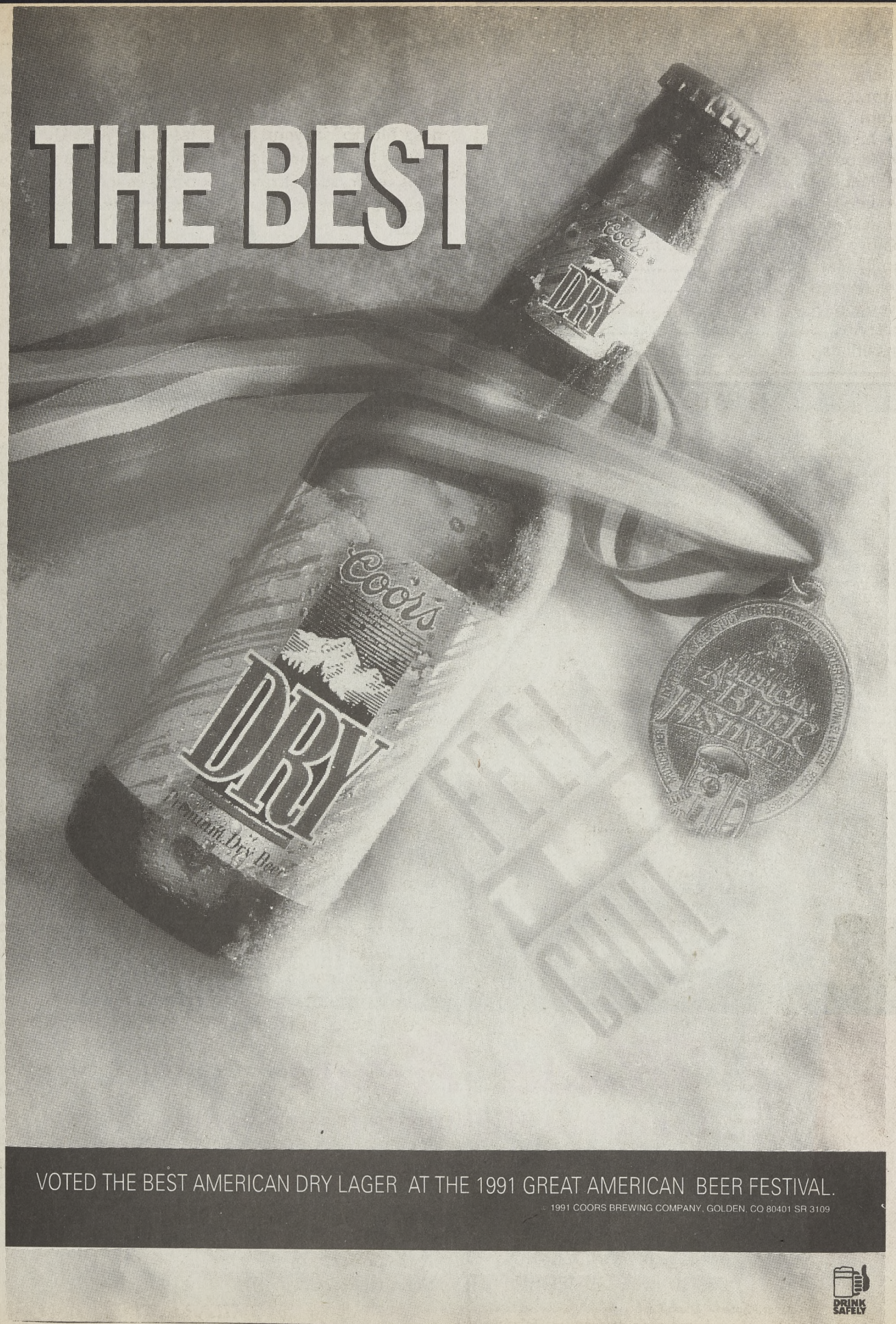
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LETTERS

Dear Larry:

Just a short note to thank you for promoting the Gay and Lesbian Press Association's "Media Awareness Month" in your March issue of *PATLAR*. Also thanks for the prominent placement on your inside front cover. It is through cooperative efforts such as these that we will build a strong association once again.

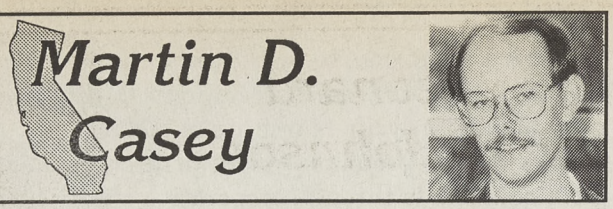
Thanks,
Jay Williams
Chicago

Dear Editor:

I am a 30 year old gay male that has never before written a letter to any kind of publication, broadcast company, or advertising agency, mostly because I've never had any kind of motivation, complaint, or opinion that made me feel like using my free time that way. That is, until now. I've been a loyal reader for about three years now. I like the fact that *PATLAR* is not just another gossip rag, and I enjoy the variety and styles of your writers and subject matter. Being openly gay since I was 18, and loving to read, I have always sought out every bit of gay print I could get ahold of. The reason I was now finally motivated to write is your new Leatherspace column, and the letter you printed in the March issue from the moron in San Francisco who said it was "boring." To him I say "Go back to your comic books. Obviously intelligent journalism is way beyond you."

To *PATLAR* and it's editor I say "Thank you, and BRAVO." It is so wonderful and so refreshing to read and learn about the leather lifestyle from someone who wants to pass on real world information instead of another clone fantasy story like the mainstream leather press. I've learned more about leather and the concept of the leather lifestyle in the last three month reading Justin's column, than in the previous dozen years reading every piece of nonfiction I could find. Finally, to Justin I say "Thank you" and please keep it up. All my life I have been curious and filled with desire when it come to leather, but never had the nerve to check it out on my own, and no one to guide me through it all. Your method of passing on your experiences, cautions, and how to's is helping regular guys like myself understand and explore an area of gay life that I've always wanted to see, and perhaps even move into.

Sincerely,
Ryan Sandstrom
Sacramento, CA



Survey Says!!

"Gay White Male, 37, urban home-owner, highly educated, out to most everyone, income around $40,000, liberal Democrat, politically active, seeks a monogamous relationship..."

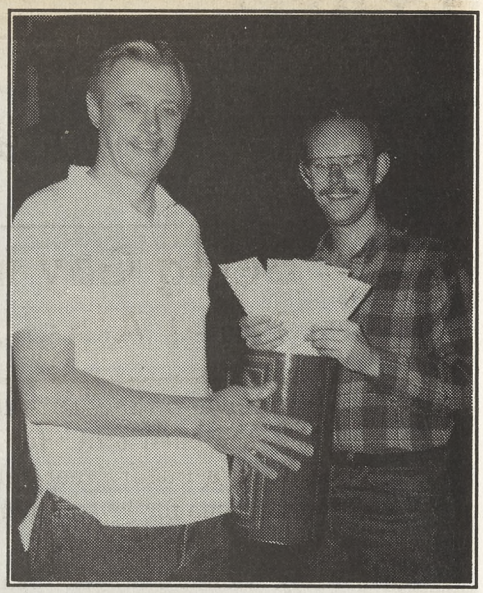
The Survey results are in, and, as shown in the "personal ad" above, you are quite an exciting group! Of course, that snapshot of averages misses some wonderful diversity in *PATLAR*'s readers. Thirteen percent of our respondents are Bisexual; eight percent are women. Less than 2% are completely closeted, although this figure sadly jumps to over 15% in the workplace. Your ages range from 21 to 64. Some 80% of you are White, but 8% are Native American's, 3% are Asian-American, 3% are Hispanic/Latino, and 1 1/2% are African- American.

An impressive total of 85% of you have attended or completed College, with nearly 25% going on to Graduate School. Virtually all fields of employment are represented, and there are quite a few of us in Public Service/Government (9 1/2%), Medicine and dentistry (8%), Construction (6%), and the Arts (6%). But no Law Enforcement people - where are all you "Pigs in Paradise" T-Shirts wearers??

Apathetic? Not according to the Survey! Over 80% of you vote regularly and consider candidate views on Gay issues when voting. More than half of you have written your legislator on Gay issues! Twenty percent of you have actually VISITED your legislator to press for Gay rights!!

Nearly 29% of you consider yourselves to be "Very Liberal", yet almost 32% call yourselves "Moderate" or "Conservative". The rest share the "Liberal" view. The Democratic Party can claim just over 50% of you, while the Republicans earn 19%, the Greens get over 14%, and the rest of you are divided among Libertarians, Peace & Freedom, and others.

In love? Then you're not alone - roughly 48% of you are currently in a relationship, with 11% lasting over ten years. Of those in relationships, 55% are completely monogamous. Only 10% allow for an "open" sexual relationship, and the rest of you have set some sort of bounds for sexual activity outside the primary relationship



Publisher Larry Lanham and Editor Martin Casey select the 5 recipients of free subscriptions to PATLAR. Survey respondents from Sacramento, Mineral (near Lassen Park), San Francisco, Tucson, and Milwaukee will now get PATLAR First Class!

Over 22% of you have children, mostly from before coming out. Another 13% want to have children.

As for *PATLAR*, you especially enjoy the Letters, Classifieds, Positive Outlook, Family Matters, and Editor sections (Thanks!). We were praised for our diversity of viewpoints, magazine format, life-affirming outlook, and interesting personals. Criticism focused on the 900 Number ads, lack of bisexual content, thin AIDS information, and the personals! (So who said you had to be consistent!?)

You want more emphasis on politics, the arts, AIDS, and couples, with roughly 35% citing these areas for enhancement. More regional coverage was requested by 30% (Hawaii, Southwest, etc....). Over the next few months we hope to be able to better address these areas, and we appreciate your input! Thanks to all of our respondents for making this survey such a valuable tool for us.

PATLAR is pleased this month to welcome three new Midwestern distributors — DC's and the Nebraska AIDS Project in Omaha, and the Howard Brown Memorial Clinic in Chicago. Welcome aboard!

CORRECTION

The following is the corrected closing for the "Valentine" essay published in the last issue:

There is something totally magical that you can discover, for somewhere beyond the limits of your own ego, you will find that there is a WORLD! Only when you are willing to truly give of yourself will you ever find that.

I *offer* you myself; I *give* you THE WORLD!

Lisa J. Slayton

Being Gay in Rural Alaska

My girlfriend lives on the "outside", down in the "lower 48". We see each other for a total of two weeks a year. It's a bittersweet relationship. We never have much time for love, but then again, never have much time to argue.

Most of my friends are well meaning 60s' wanna-bes. For them, acceptance of Gays/Lesbians is part of the package, right up there with Birkenstocks and save the whale tee shirts ... I'm obviously not living in the "real" world. Being Gay in Alaska has it's disadvantages, such as distance from loved ones, but it also has its advantages. I have found a greater acceptance here, a higher level of tolerance for differences.

Alaska is a stew pot of diverse cultures and lifestyles, always on the brink of boiling over during the summer tourist months when the rest of the world comes charging in.

The typical non-native non-Gay Alaskan is an independent minded individual who grew tired of making compromises. He/she left a high paying or prestigious job in the lower 48 to become a bush pilot, dog musher, homesteader, etc.... here. Because their backgrounds are so varied and yet their reasons for moving to Alaska are so similar, most Alaskans are more open minded and accepting of differences. Of course, this is not ALWAYS, the case but a great majority of the time I feel as though I am living in giant plastic bubble, sheltered from a harsh homophobic world. This fact was driven home to me on a recent trip back east to West Virginia.

I had been planning on moving back east for some time to be closer to my family, lover, mountains...home. Every time I thought seriously about the move however, I got physically ill. I wanted to be near all that I loved and yet I couldn't stand to think of it. On this past visit home. sitting in the airport waiting for my lover, it finally dawned on me. THIS unfortunately was the "real world". For me, going back East was like being slapped in the face with a cold wet rag. The situation brought to mind a book I had recently read in which a free

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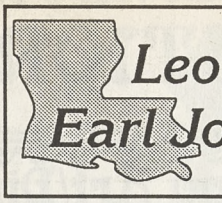

Leonard Earl Johnson

Yours Truly in a Swamp

Does every generation hit a point when it is mind-boggled by the realization of growing old? Everyone must. Must realize the time has come when so many "elders" have passed away, they are clearly the "adults left in control." Could any generation have ever reached such a point embracing greater failure than we, the aging baby boomers?

Boomers were born in the prosperity of post-World War II America. We knew less deprivation than our parents, something they exclaimed with utter dismay as we protested their generation's failures. We were youths in the 1960's. We primed and poised during those turbulent times, preaching from the pulpit of self-righteousness. Then, we came of age and sinned hungrily when it became our turn to guard the holy grail.

The next generation is now being told to prepare to not have it so good in the future, to even accept not having it too good today.

Recently I was in California, at the going away party of a lawyer friend (yes, cher, there are such things) leaving a powerhouse San Francisco firm for a small-town Kansas partnership. We gathered at the party scrubbed and tailored. In return we toasted and were feasted amid the splendor of Marin County surroundings.

Stanhope Gould, producer of ABC's "Primetime Live," sat by the fireplace talking about interviews born of the first Kennedy murder, and the interest re-ignited by Oliver Stone's movie JFK. He interviewed people who lived in New Orleans.

Perry Russo, Jim Garrison's star witness at Clay Shaw trial, still lives here. He is the man who testified he was at a party attended by Cuban Freedom Fighters, where Shaw, Lee Harvey Oswald and the Cubans discussed offing the President. Today, Russo drives a taxi with his name painted on the front fenders. (He played a bit part in the movie JFK, standing at the Napoleon House bar during TV reports of the Dallas assassination, snarling insults at the president.)

I was led away from the fireplace by the partner of another lawyer and the date of — I can not recall whom. They led into the study. Earlier, three pho-

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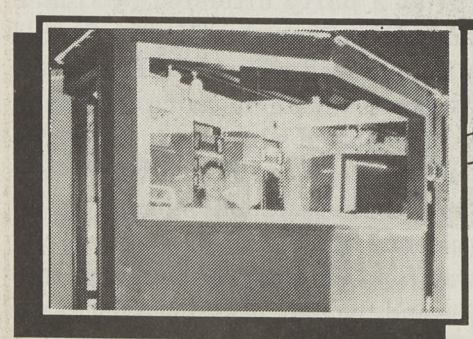

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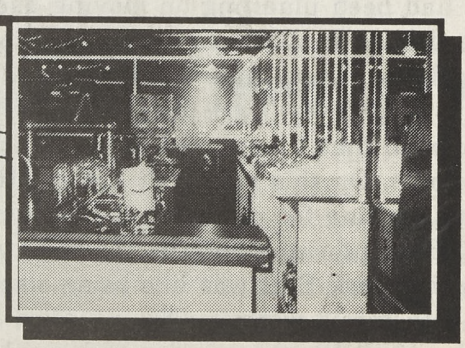

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black woman who had lived her entire life on a mid-west farm as a land owner and member of a white family, traveled to the deep south just after the Civil War on business. She was immediately stunned at the treatment that she received by blacks and whites alike and by the sudden restrictions on her lifestyle. She was understandably outraged and sickened. This was the attitude I brought back to Alaska with me after my visit.

I had grown complacent living here in my bubble, accepting of the statement that nothing I did would change the world. I believed that I could live here and be openly Gay and be happy until the rest of the world miraculously became sane on it's own ... I was wrong. Even a state the size of Alaska is not big enough for all of the people who are tired of making compromises.

We must learn that our options are not limited to either ignoring/running away from a bad situation or accepting it as fact. We have another alternative, we can change the situation so that we are no longer making drastic compromises in our lives. I say this for those who are not Gay as well as for those of us who are. Let's question exactly what the "real" world should be instead of accepting what it presently is.

While I was home, my lover made the statement that "some places are just not ready to see two people of the same sex walk down street bolding hands." I had to ask myself what good was living a place where that was possible if there wasn't a hand to hold and what good would there be in having the hand to hold if I were denied the right to do it without negative public reactions? No more compromising for me, I'm moving back east in the near future to work on some positive changes for "getting that place ready" and proving my lover's statement false ... at least then, she and I have time to ... argue about it.

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tographs of mine were hung on the wall by the couple hosting the party. In one a spike-haired youth squats down, against the fin of a 1959 Desoto.

"Is that car in the movie JFK?" I was asked. It was not. The car in question belongs to Ade', the Brazilian owner of New Orleans' Cafe Brazil. It has the big fins of the last days of American auto grandeur.

On the plane from San Francisco to Houston, we flew into the triangle of the darkening east, formed by the stratosphere above and the earth's shadow below, cast by the setting sun. Behind us the sky glowed rosy red and there was "Fun, fun, fun in the warm California sun."

My seat mate was a gentleman named Mr. Gent, a long haired musician from New York City, who writes television jingles. I took a postcard from my camera bag and gave it to him. It was of the spike-haired youth leaning on the 1959 Desoto.

Mr. Gent said he had not seen JFK. Said he did not want to see it. He remembered 1963, when the murder happened he had been in grade school. His mother came for him. I told him I had been in a stockbroker's office in Springfield, Illinois. We laughed.

I didn't tell Mr. Gent, but when I saw JFK I cried. It touched tender, nearly-forgotten memories of youthful hope and brighter tomorrows that never came to pass.

After the first Kennedy murder, and the subsequent killing of much of the American left, we boomers grew numb, older, greedier. We became bored with politics, got remote controlled televisions, and forgot our history. (How many of us nearly forgot there were *two* Kennedy murders?)

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Mel Dahl

In My Opinion

This column is about what I call "Santa Claus Theology," or accepting what society tells us at face value without thinking for ourselves.

When small children are told about Santa Claus, they believe what they are told because they have not yet acquired critical thinking skills. Of course, when one does think about the story it falls apart; the ability of one person to visit millions of homes in one night; to have a sleigh large enough for the multiple millions of toys required; and the ability of Santa, big fat man that he is, to get in and out of a chimney with a flue no more than 12 inches in diameter; are just a few of the problems with believing in Santa Claus. But, small children (and big children too) want to believe what society tells them to believe. Thus, our popular culture is founded on a number of myths that do not survive close scrutiny, but which nevertheless are accepted as gospel.

It is bad enough when the myth is relatively harmless; when the myth carries devastating social consequences, it is even worse. I happened to overhear just such a myth a few days ago, while I was standing at a photocopy machine in a law library. Behind me were two law students discussing a case currently on appeal as to whether it is or should be illegal for a school to dismiss a teacher who, it has been discovered, is a lesbian. The consensus among the two seemed to be that of course she should be dismissed because she is a poor role model for the children.

I don't know how this particular bit of folklore — that gay people are poor role models — got started, but I certainly haven't seen much evidence to support it. It happens that the Boy Scouts and at least three Protestant denominations were founded by homosexuals; all else being equal, I would certainly prefer that any children of mine be influenced by Dag Hammarskjold, who was gay, than by the Ayatollah Khomeini, who was not.

And, given the large number of domestic violence and incest cases that have come to mark domestic relations law, I would certainly not accuse heterosexuals of having exclusive market on being wonderful role models. There are lots of things worse for children than being raised or taught by gay people, such as being physically abused, shunt-

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perity. Ronald Reagan left office, flew to Tokyo, collected $2,000,000 from Japanese business interest, and we cheered. Had only our leaders looked out for our interest, as other nation's leaders prudently guarded the interest of their people. But we did not ask that of our leaders, did we?

In California, I talked to Asian-Americans who feared losing their prosperity to distant, foreign lands. California now has an unemployment rate higher than oil-depressed Louisiana or Texas. I laughed, and told someone we had shipped our unemployed there. They did not laugh.

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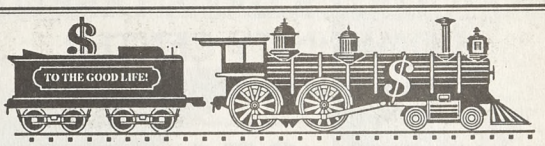

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ed aside, and actively disliked. It seems to me that a gay person who loves kids and wants them to learn would be a far better teacher, than a straight person who can't stand kids and doesn't care about them.

But leaving all that aside, has anybody thought about the implications of teaching that gay people are poor role models? I mean, has it honestly not occurred to anybody that there are lots and lots of gay kids out there — as best as anybody knows, roughly 10% of the kids are gay — who would appreciate having a positive gay role model? I remember all too well what it was like to be a lonely gay teenager; I would have loved to have had an openly gay role model to look up to. People who have fainting spells when they hear about gay teenagers hanging out with "dirty old men" might do well to remember that in this culture those "dirty old men" may well be the only gay people the kids can find, thanks in large part to the anti-gay witch hunts that seek to purge schools and youth organizations of gay role models who are not abusive and exploitive.

Every year several thousand gay teenager's will commit suicide in this country, in large part because society goes to such great lengths to make them feel unwelcome and unloved. It isn't just that the notion that gay people don't make good role models is ignorant; this notion has blood of thousands of gay teenagers who kill themselves because they have been taught to hate themselves and their sexuality.

There is a presumption that the teenagers are all heterosexual; it ain't necessarily so. The message a school board delivers to these kids when it fires an outstanding teacher for being gay is that they don't matter. Gay kids and their needs do not matter; it is only those who are straight whose needs are to be taken into account. So long as school boards continue to deliver this message, they should not be surprised at the ever growing pile of corpses of those kids who were unable to withstand the pain of being told they don't matter.

Not only is the idea that gay people are poor role models unfounded, it is terribly destructive of the lives of gay teenagers who are trying to grow up to feel good about themselves. Since a majority in this culture seems to feel that those kids don't matter, maybe that is a price society is willing to pay. It is not, however, a price I am willing to pay, nor is it a price the kids should have to pay.

Find Out What's Happening in the Gay & Lesbian Community in PATLAR

Lee Horner

Horner's Corner

Have you seen the movie JFK yet? I'm all for a good scandal, especially when it involves authority figures. The movie, and I won't spoil it for you, expounds on Jim Garrison's investigation of the incident and the involvement of New Orleans people.

I heard Jim speak at the University of New Mexico when I was attending there in 1966. His point of view made sense to me then and more so now. The Warren Commission, as you'll recall, said that Oswald was the sole assassin, and that Mr. Kennedy was killed by one lone bullet. In 1966 and again graphically in the movie, Garrison's challenge to the one bullet theory is brought to light. When you see the path of the bullet diagrammed out, it is absolutely preposterous how anyone could believe that only one bullet did the killing, let alone one gunman.

But let me relate a "video store" mistake on my part that goes a little further on the subject and invite you to check it out for yourself. Right when the movie came out I was in a local video place and saw a video for rent "JFK Investigation" — not sure of that title but you get the idea. It seemed strange to me that a "just released" movie would already be on video so I grabbed it and took it home.

It turns out that this video is a documentary of sorts about the assassination, but it emphasized something the movie JFK didn't, and that is, that the picture of Oswald that appeared on the cover of Life magazine was a doctored-up forgery.

This is the one of him standing in his back yard holding a rifle in his left hand, pointed skyward. In the video some experts had closely examined this photo and proved that a photo of Oswald's head from mid-chin up, was pasted onto someone else's body, that the photo of the head and the photo of the body were taken at different times which was apparent by reason of the shadows in the photo not being consistent.

Most shocking to me was the fact that if the photo was looked at in reverse, that is, spun around 180 degrees, the fact that the body is entirely out of balance is readily apparent —again an indicator of doctoring by someone.

Now discounting the lynch-mob mentality of the press that was rampant at the time of the incident, do you suppose there was any other reason to sup-

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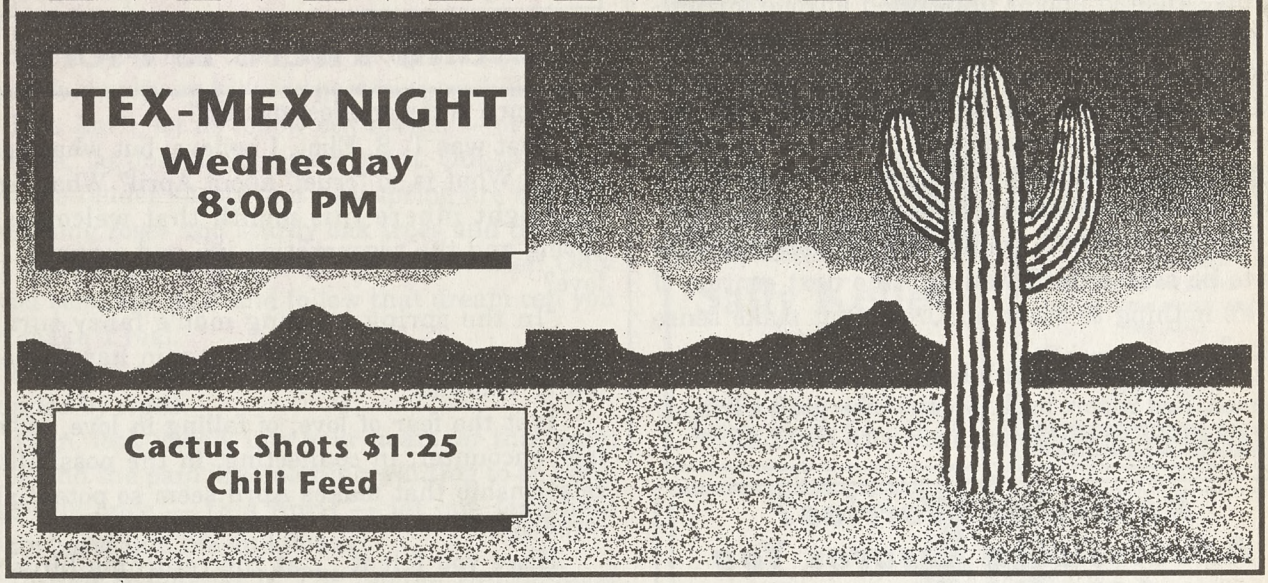

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press evidence of two additional gunmen? Of the sloppy way in which Oswald was being transferred from jail into the police car when he was knocked off? Of the fact that no one outside of Jim Garrison has investigated and/or prosecuted anyone for having a part in the assassination?

Although Garrison lost his jury trial, it was not an adjudication that no conspiracy occurred nor that the Warren Commission's report was accurate. But did you get just the opposite impression from the press after Garrison lost the jury trial?

And why is it that evidence pertinent to the case has to be sealed until well into the next century if there's nothing to cover up? Does that make sense to you?

I'm going to get Garrison's book, on which the movie is based, and report back. Meanwhile, grab a friend, see the movie, and stay in touch with *PATLAR*!

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Ralph Walker

...and There Is More!

"April is the cruelest month."

That was T. S. Eliot, I believe; but what does it mean? What is so "cruel" about April? What "cruelty" might inhere this month that welcomes the spring and the regeneration life and warmth... and love?

"In the spring a young man's fancy turns..." Another poet. "The soft spring rain has turned to tears." Another!

Is it the fear of love, of falling in love, of "risking" encounter, in connecting, in the possibility of relationship that makes April seem so potential for "cruelty?

Have you felt it ... at the returning birds, the warmer sun, the longer days and shorter nights and the beginning promise new kind of freedom ... winter coats and heavy clothing aside and the soon-to-be opportunity to go lightly clothed, or even naked, in the warming sun or under the soft spring moon?

It always stirs something very deep — something primal — in me. I am a child of the sun, so much so that I remember at three or four taking delight in lying on the incline to father's garage on hot afternoons, simply soaking in the sun! Yet, sun, we are now told, holds risk of skin cancer. Is that the threat or "cruelty" that April portends? I hardly think so.

Then why should April be thought cruel? Is it any of these reasons, or is it possible that this month, so pregnant with new beginnings, reminds us all too poignantly of our own "burgeonings" over years, observed, noted, and then aborted forgotten, lost, set aside even before summer could bring them toward fruition?

I wonder, think perhaps so; for all of us — certainly I — have known flashes of insight or inspiration or expanding horizons or possibilities ... And, even before the passing into May, (or even the passing into the next day's light!) have let go of that dream, or that vision or that "possibility," then branding it as "impractical," "beyond our grasp" or "more than we want to take on."

April has the ability to remind us of these — and, yes, of the possibilities for relationships and love, too—which we lost when we surrendered our sweet innocence and hope.

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There cannot be fresh possibility, new avenues, grand visions, "more," without some degree of innocence. Innocence is not a weakness or a lack; rather it is the fertile soil from which true new discovery and possibility can spring.

Might we pause, then, and recognize this aspect of April's cruelty and it's burgeoning possibilities.

This April, let us follow our dream — or "follow our bliss," as Joseph Campbell put it. Out there, beyond the tender shoots of a new spring are the full-blossoming roses and sturdy oak trees and the realized possibilities of Summer, Fall and Winter! Only as you seize the day" and follow that dream can you ever make it real.

Pause. Be still. Permit. Allow yourself to be wounded by April.

Then, look deeply into your heart for that pain; for behind the pain is something wanting to be born. Just this once — this April — let one long-held dream burst into life and flower!

[Ralph is founder of The Loving Brotherhood and he welcomes your comments and questions at PO Box 556P, Susex NJ 07461]

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The Politicization of AIDS: The Impact of the Conservative Political Agenda on the HIV Epidemic and Social Policy

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Unlike many activists. I understand that our mortgaged economy may not allow this nation to spend markedly more funds on HIV within the competing needs for our rapidly diminishing economic resources and the often-conflicting demands of social justice. There is, however, a mandate that monies be used in ways in which they will benefit the most people affected by this terrible disease. The inefficiency of many of our federally funded clinical trial programs and the state and municipal boondoggling of federal funds into a new AIDS bureaucracy often delivering less than ten cents on the dollar in community services to persons with HIV disease, are a national disgrace. Many of our HIV programs are redundant and ineffective due in part to their lack of focus and the mediocrity of their administration.

Politics is the art, or possibly, in the Machiavellian sense, the craft of maintaining, influencing or obtaining power. While all political leaders have an agenda, the conservative agenda tends to be more elitist on social issues than the liberal agenda. There is a marked difference between conservatives and liberals on policies that affect people of color, women, injection drug users, gays and lesbians, the marginal, the poor and the homeless.

But HIV disease is a disease that is increasing in these groups and has become a disease of the poor, of women, of people of color, of injection drug users and the homeless. Our inability to solve the fundamental social issues that contribute to the general health problems of these groups must be addressed first before we attempt to halt the rate of infection and facilitate access to timely and appropriate healthcare.

Elitism and judgmentalism are also markers of a darker element embedded in our national psyche. There is little question that if HIV disease had originally been perceived as an epidemic affecting Legionnaires rather than homosexuals, our national resources would have been mobilized immediately to protect Legionnaires because they were perceived to be patriots and therefore members of the club. But homosexuals are not members of the club. Their sexual preferences make them non-patriotic. For some, the AIDS epidemic among homosexuals was a national blessing that could purge our society of those faggots whom we would be better off without. Some may speculate whether there would have been a different response under a conservative administration if AIDS was initially perceived as an epidemic affecting African Americans, or injection drug users, or women or the homeless. I doubt it. Too many conservatives do not want any of these groups in their club.

Many conservatives who have been graced by privilege, talent and the love and support of families and friends may find it difficult to consider injection drug users, gays and lesbians, the homeless and the poor their equals. It may be only natural that they become more judgmental on the choices that others make either freely, by birth or by circumstance. However, such judgmentalism is a cancer that is de-

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stroying the underpinnings of our republic. If we allow that judgmentalism and elitism to influence our public policy, then we must share the responsibility for the unnecessary loss of millions of lives that could have been saved with a rational and coherent national AIDS policy.

Unfortunately, there are too many conservatives who secretly believe that our society would be better off without the poor, the homeless, the marginal, injection drug users, gays and lesbians and all those so susceptible to the ravages of this epidemic. This is the essential truth behind the failure of the conservative political agenda to meet the diverse challenges of this epidemic. The subtext of that agenda is a secret hope that those people will just disappear.

I realize that the political issues underscored by the AIDS pandemic may make some physicians and caregivers uncomfortable. But the reality is that medicine and healthcare are politicized. Conservative politics is having a profound affect on the ability of many physicians to practice medicine. Conservative politics is affecting the increasing inability of many patients to access timely and appropriate healthcare. Conservative politics has resulted in a five-year delay in mobilizing our resources to combat the HIV epidemic. Conservative politics has resulted in our obsession with blaming people for their diseases, their homelessness and their poverty. Conservative politics has contributed to the spread of a controllable disease to more than 200,000 of our sons and daughters who have contracted this illness during their adolescence. Politics has contributed to an epidemic that may kill millions of our citizens before a vaccine and/or cure are found.

The question should not be whether we should discuss the political dimensions of AIDS, but whether we should accept the personal responsibility of addressing these issues in publications such as this, in local and state medical society meetings, and whether we should participate in the political process to affect municipal, state and national healthcare agendas. AIDS has become a metaphor for the failure of conservatives to understand that each of us at some time in our life may be dependent on others.

Hepatitis Antibodies "High" in Sacramento Area IV Drug Users

A two-year University of California, Davis study of 585 intravenous (IV) drug users in the Sacramento area found more than 70 percent tested positive for antibodies to either hepatitis B or C viruses, leading researchers to call for preventive measures.

The study showed that 421 or 72 percent tested positive to the antibody to hepatitis C virus (HCV), and 417 or 71 percent tested positive to the antibody to hepatitis B (HCB), said Jerome B. Zeldis, M.D., Ph.D , associate professor of gastroenterology at the UC Davis School of Medicine and principal author of research published in a recent edition of *The Western Journal of Medicine*.

The research, funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Universitywide AIDS Research Program, also found that 70 persons or 12 percent tested positive for the human T-cell lymphotropic virus type I/II (HTLV-I/II) and eight persons or 1.4 percent tested positive for the human immunodefi-

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ciency virus type 1 (HIV-l), the virus that causes AIDS.

Zeldis called the study "good medical proof or ammunition that if we can interrupt the spread of these viruses in IV drug use, we can stop the spread of potentially fatal or fatal infections While most people who get these infections do so by sharing needles, there is increasing spread to non-users through sexual contacts."

The eight-member research team, including Paul V. Holland, M.D., director of the Sacramento Medical Foundation Blood Center and UC Davis clinical professor of internal medicine; AIDS specialist Neil M. Flynn, M.D., UC Davis associate professor of general medicine; and former UC Davis physician/research associate Sunita Jain, MBBS, found a strong correlation between prevalence of infections and the duration of IV drug use, ethnic group, and the drug of choice.

Co-researcher Flynn said he was "not surprised" at the low incidence of those testing positive for HIV virus. A 1987 New York City study showed 60 to 80 percent of IV drug users tested positive for the HIV virus. "The HIV virus has generally not come into this IV drug population of the Sacramento area yet," Flynn said. "That's a good reason to get involved now with an IV drug users' needle exchange program — to stop the spread of HIV before it gets here."

Flynn, one of the main proponents of a clean needle and syringe exchange program in Sacramento, supports state legislation that would allow California to pilot such a project. State Assembly bill (AB 2525, authored by Speaker Brown) and a comparable Senate bill (SB 1418, authored by Sen. Diane E. Watson, D-Los Angeles) would permit all California cities to participate in the pilot program.

"Sacramento is ready to institute a needle exchange program at the earliest date," Flynn said, "and the university looks forward to studying the effects of exchange, both good and bad."▼

Laparoscopic Procedure Reduces Hospital Stay For Prostate Cancer Patients

A new surgical approach to prostate cancer is reducing the length of stay for patients at UC Davis Medical Center.

The surgery, called a laparoscopic pelvic-node procedure, is performed in two stages under one anesthetic. "For the 10 percent of all prostate cancer patients who are diagnosed early enough for surgical care, this new procedure offers less blood loss, quicker recovery time, and reduces postoperative discomfort by minimizing the trauma of surgery," Dr. Palmer, professor of urology, says.

Currently, this innovative approach to treating prostatic carcinoma is available only at UC Davis Medical Center in northern California.▼

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FAMILY MATTERS

Editor's Note: All you gay and lesbian families out there — talk to us! PATLAR is eager to share your experiences on parenting and working together as couples with our readers, but we need to hear it in your own words! Gay and lesbians across America want confirmation and reassurance that our family relationships are valid. Send in your stories — two to three typed pages. Help made a difference!

Michael R. Gorman

For Kids' Sake Let A Gay Hand Wipe The Tears

"My Mom and Dad won't let me stay over with Mack ' cause ...they said you and Cliff might mess with me. But you guys are cool. My parents are...what's that word, Mack?"

"Homophobes."

"Yeah, homophobes."

"Well, guys, they only just met us. They've probably never known any openly gay people. Give them some time to get to know us. They'll come around."

Ask my son; he knows. Despite the overwhelming evidence that child molestation and abuse are primarily a heterosexual problem, the myth persists that gays and lesbians seduce children in some warped "recruiting" substitute for procreation. Even in the face of the growing number of gays and lesbians when are choosing to conceive children, and the research that indicates that sexuality is immutable, the fear-bred myth continues. Many writers have addressed this folkloric stereotype of us by denying that it is true and pointing to the research, yet few have chosen to move away from the defensive position and clearly state what most gays and lesbians and their non-gay friends and family with children know: the relationships between children and the gay and lesbian adults who love them are usually deep, nurturing, open and fruitful in a way that many heterosexuals find mystifying. Perhaps that is the root of their fear.

My son said to me recently, "You know, Dad,

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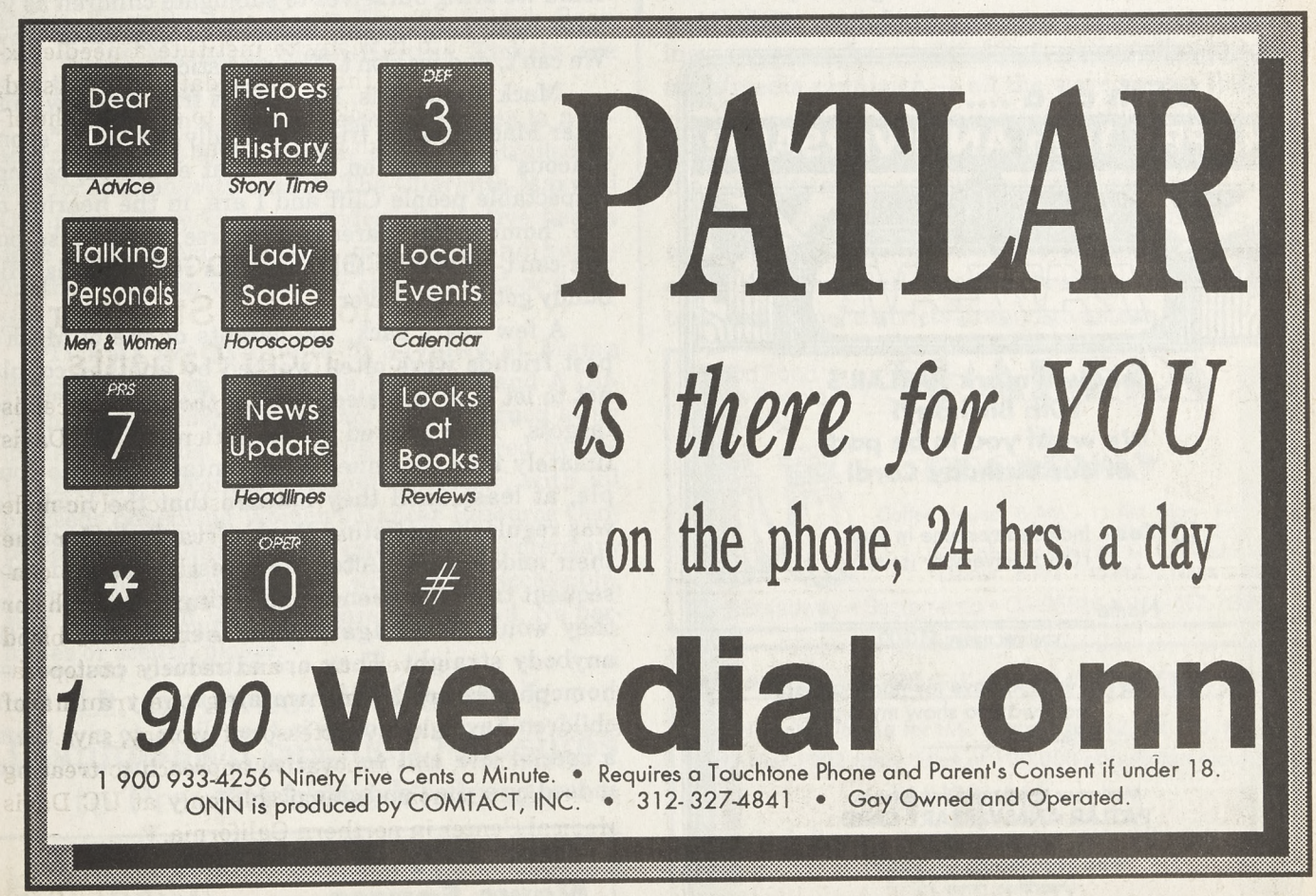

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having gay dads is really cool, All your gay friends talk to me like a real person. Straight adults usually treat me like just a kid. Gay people listen to me."

I told him that probably we listen because we know what it's like to he ignored simply because of what we are. Kids are often forced into silence as we have so often been, and adults lives are more impoverished as a result. Cliff and I receive regular phone calls from one niece who has no other adults willing to listen about her blossoming womanhood and the problems that accompany that adolescent search for identity and love. Kids in the neighborhood all know our names and often run over to update us on the latest dramas and triumphs in their lives. Sure they're different from adults in many ways. Sure they are in developmental territory that we have already covered. But young and different does not mean less valid. And if not our wisdom on the journey, whose? We certainly know the pain and vulnerability of traveling alone.

But there is more to our relationships with children than the recognition of the importance of being heard. There is a reason why we do not molest children sexually that goes beyond our tendency to treat them with respect as individuals. It is a reason that goes farther than the unchangeability of sexual orientation toward exposing the lunacy of the idea that we can somehow recruit children sexually. Stated simply it is this. Child molestation is not about sex, it is about power.

A heterosexual who molests a child is not just seeking sexual gratification. The molester is playing out a scenario of dominance over a person perceived, rightly or wrongly, as weaker. The act satisfies, in the twisted mind of the attacker, a need for control, for submission on the part of the victim. Our society has begun to realize that the greatest defense against child molestation, as well as non-sexual, violent abuse is the empowerment of children. Children are taught that they have the right to refuse interaction with an adult who makes them uncomfortable, and rightly so. Yet children empowered are as threatening to many people as homosexuals empowered. And our relationships with children often thrive on that empowerment.

In the need to find the power to protect ourselves in a hostile world, we are very much the allies of children. In a deep and profound way we understand the socially sanctioned vulnerability of children, because we too have been put in such a position through most of history. Our safety and fates too were once at the whim of those who once at the whim of those who dominate the culture. How then could we bring ourselves to subjugate children as we have been subjugated, sexually or any other way? We can't, and we don't. The statistics so speak.

Mack knows this. Most of his friends know this. After Mack and his friend carefully crafted a "spontaneous" conversation about what educated, caring, respectable people Cliff and I are, in the hearing of the "homophobe" parents of course, even those no-you-can't-sleep-over-there parents realized this. His buddy got to sleep over.

A few years back, the parents of one of Mack's best friends were often warned by another couple not to let their son sleep over at the house of "those faggots." They ignored the couple's warnings. Unfortunately they continued close contact with the couple, at least until they learned that the husband was regularly molesting Mack's friend's little sister, their middle child. After the investigation and subsequent trial, our friends half-jokingly declared that they would never again leave their children with anybody straight. They are extremely cautious of homophobes now. They are also happy that their children have gay uncles in their lives, to give them a special love and an assurance that the world can indeed be a good and safe place.▼

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An Evening Of Movement And Music To Support Women With Cancer

The Women's Cancer Resource Center and the Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic announce an evening of movement and music in support of women with cancer on Saturday, May 2,1992 at Wheeler Hall on the UC Berkeley campus at 8 p.m. The entertainment consists of Altazor, the Dance Brigade, Axis Dance Troupe, Sistah Boon and emcee Margaret Sloan-Hunter. Tickets are $12-$100, sliding scale.

The Women's Cancer Resource Center is a resource, support and advocacy center Controlled by and for women with cancer. The Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic provides alternative health care such as acupuncture, massages and homeopath for women with cancer on a low-cost or donation basis.

Tickets are available in advance at Mama Bears, Old Wives Tales, Gaia Bookstore and A Different Light Bookstore. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. The evening is sponsored by the UC-Berkeley Women's Resource Center, with all proceeds benefiting Women's Cancer Resource Center and the Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic. The performance is wheelchair accessible, sign interpreted, and child care is provided. No perfumes or scents, please.

Lt. Governor McCarthy's Commission Seeking Measures to Prevent Hate Violence

Lieutenant Governor Leo McCarthy says that his Commission on Prevention of Hate Violence will look to schools and the mass media to inoculate young people against bigotry in hopes of preventing crimes of hate.

"Over the past few years we've seen a string of attacks on synagogues, harassment of Asian American business owners, the ever present threat of gay-bashing, and, during the Gulf War, a string of attacks on Arab-American owned businesses," said McCarthy. "These and hundreds of other incidents are evidence of the epidemic of hate violence raging in California."

Lt. Governor Leo MacCarthy

McCarthy created the commission last year to promote tolerance and appreciation for diversity, especially among young people. It is made up of community leaders, educators, legislators and media professionals. San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg; Los Angeles gay rights activist and civil rights attorney John Duran; and LA. Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center Legal Services Director Roger Coggan are among the 24 members of the commission.

"The commission has been looking at all the possibilities — classroom curriculum, teacher training, programs for youthful hate crime offenders, a mass media campaign — all the ways we can find to reach our children with a positive message about diversity. "We must make sure our children celebrate the diversity of our society and reject bigotry."

McCarthy said the commission will complete its work later this spring with the release of a report on its recommendation to the Governor, the Legislature and school districts around the state.

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Sacramento Men's Chorus

Mormons Organize in Central Valley

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Gay And Lesbian Victory Fund Recommends Three More Candidates To National Network

Three more openly gay and lesbian candidates have been selected by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund to receive contributions from its nationwide network of member donors. All are candidates running for State Representative in Wisconsin, Oregon and Texas, according to William Waybourn, executive director of the Victory Fund.

Recommended to the network are Tammy Baldwin, a lesbian attorney who is currently a member of the Dane County (Madison, WI) Board of Supervisors and seeking an open seat in the Wisconsin Assembly; Jerry Keene, an attorney challenging an incumbent for the Oregon House of Representatives; and, Glen Maxey, who won a special election last year to an open seat in the Texas Legislature and is running for reelection.

The trio joins San Mateo County Supervisor Tom Nolan, who is running for Congress, and Gail Shibley, who was appointed last year to an open seat in the Oregon House of Representatives. Keene is the first Republican recommended by the Victory Fund which is bi-partisan. Members join the national Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund with a $100 contribution and agree to support at least two candidates with contributions of $100 or more over a two-year cycle. The Victory Fund enables qualified candidates to gain access to early money, which is critical in establishing credibility.

More information about these candidates may be obtained by contacting the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, 1012 14th Street NW, Suite 707, Washington, CA 2005, (202) VICTORY [(202)842-8679].

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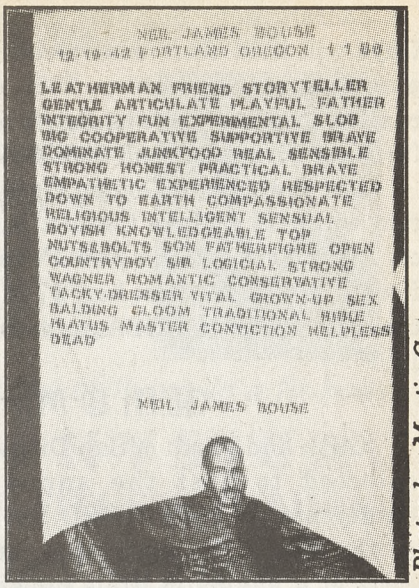

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Now's Your Chance To Come Out...Again

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"While this survey is unscientific, biased to those who happen to read her advice column, and open to pollution from anti-gay hate mail groups, we think it is an opportunity to come out yet again with pride", said Lynn Shepodd, Executive Director of NCOD.

Send your card or note saying "Yes I am glad to be gay or lesbian" immediately to: Ann Landers, PO Box 11562, Chicago IL 60611-0562.

National Coming Out Day is a national, educational non-profit organization dedicated to the support of the gay and lesbian community in participating fully, equally, and openly in society. For more information about the campaign, please call or write: NCOD, PO Box 8270, Santa Fe, NM 87504, (505) 982-2558.

Leather First BBS Begins Monthly Gatherings

Leather first, a free computer board for those interested in or about leather topics and scenes, now has a user base stretching coast to coast. Leather First is open to all interested in leather, regardless of location, sex or sexual orientation. New "rooms" for such topics as male/female S/M, lesbian S/M, and transgender/transexual leather scenes are being added to help cover the specific needs of these segments of the leather community.

For northern California area users, monthly social meetings of users the second Saturday evening of each month will have both "social" time to meet and talk with other users and a class or demonstration on an aspect of leather and/or S/M. The monthly meetings will be held in the back room of the Wreck Room, 2513 Broadway, Sacramento. Gatherings will start at 8 p.m.

Classes will be open to all interested and are free of charge. For those interested in logging onto Leather First the modem numbers are (916) 362-4663 and (916) 974-1262. For those wanting information on the board, or wanting to send information for posting on the board, the mailing address is: Leather First BBS, 564 La Sierra Drive Suite 85, Sacramento California 95864.

RCDC Plants AIDS Memorial

The River City Democratic Club (RCDC) has taken advantage of a CalTrans program to beautify the state's freeways to sponsor the planting of a living AIDS Memorial in trees and flowers. Located at the Bradshaw Road interchange of Highway 50 in Rancho Cordova, the Memorial must be maintained and watered by RCDC. Michael Boyd, RCDC Co-Chair, called the planting program a wonderful "way to remind thousands of motorists that AIDS is still an important issue." As an ironic fringe benefit, the Bradshaw exit is the main entrance to Pastor Glen Cole's Capitol Christian Center, a fundamentalist church noted for its hostility to Gay and Lesbian issues and AIDS activism. If you would like to help contribute to the maintenance of the living AIDS Memorial, contact RCDC at (916) 448-2383.

Business Groups to Meet

Sacramento's Business Alliance of Networking Gays will hold their next meeting April 9, at 7:00 p.m. at Joseph's Country, 2062 Auburn Blvd. 'Discussion topic will be "The Power of Advertising." For further information, call 863-2581 x-BANG (2264).

San Francisco's Golden Gate Business Association will hold a Make Contact & Networking Event on April 21st, at the San Francisco Marriot, 55 Fourth Street. No host bar, $7 in advance or $10 at the door. RSVP to GGBA at (415) 441-3651 by April 17.

Girth & Mirth

Girth and Mirth of San Diego (GMSD) has been selected to host the annual ABC Western Conference for 1992. GMSD has chosen Las Vegas as the site of the conference, attempting to keep costs at a minimum while providing a central and exciting location.

The conference will be held at the Resort Hotel Ramada San Remo, 115 East Tropicana Avenue from May 15th through May 17th, 1992. Cost for the event is $35 before March 1, and $45 thereafter. Your registration fee includes an active hospitality suite for 3 days with a full bar and a welcome party on Friday night. Also included is a luncheon buffet on Saturday, a continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, plus snacks, music, free drawings, souvenirs and "TONS" of hot men!!

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For more information, or to register for the ABC Western Conference, call Girth and Mirth of San Diego on their 24 hour info-line at (619) 463-6939 or write them at PO Box 86822, San Diego, CA 92138-682.

Third National March on Washington Gathers Momentum

Organizers of a massive march on the nation's capital to fight homophobia are set to launch a major fundraising campaign and open up a national office in D.C.

The march, which is scheduled for April 25, 1993, is the third of its kind. The first, held in 1979, was followed by a record-breaking march in 1987 which drew over one half a million participants. Organizers estimate the upcoming march and rally will cost $500,000.

"Fundraising is the primary focus right now,' said Billy Hileman, the march's treasurer. "We are tapping major donors, gathering support from national organizations, and we want to generate a lot of grassroots financial support."

The committee also established a volunteer support committee in Washington, D.C. to begin preparations for a national headquarters that should open within the next few months.

Kay Ostberg, who served as the Washington, D.C. based co-chair in 1987 is among the first to join the march's Advisory committee. "Its exciting that the third march is taking place. Given the previous experiences this can only be an enormous step forward for our community," Ostberg said.

The three co-chairs for the march will be elected at the next National Steering committee meeting to be held in Dallas, TX on May 9 and 10.

RCDC Candidate Forum

On March 16th, the River City Democratic Club of Sacramento held a candidate's forum for all the Democratic contenders for Mayor and City Council. In all, over a dozen hopefuls gave opening remarks with follow-up questions from the audience. In a welcome announcement, current city Councilmember and Mayoral hopeful Joe Serna announced that retiring Mayor Ann Rudin plans to propose an ordinance that would enshrine Domestic Partners rights the city of Sacramento. Serna indicated he supports such an ordinance.

New Book Examines Anti-Gay Violence

In hate crimes, people assault and even murder lesbians and gay men to fill different psychological needs, ranging from bolstering self-esteem and strengthening ties to a particular group, to upholding a set of values and denying latent, unresolved feelings about sexual orientation.

This is among the conclusions in the new book "Hate Crimes: Confronting Violence Against Lesbians and Gay Men" (Sage Publications), edited by Gregory M. Herek, a research psychologist at the University of California, Davis, and Kevin T. Berrill, director of the Anti-Violence Project of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force.

Herek, who wrote or co-wrote six of the book's 18 chapters, suggests that anti-gay prejudice and violence often serve one or more psychological purposes that share a common trait: they help people "define who they are by directing hostility toward gay people as a symbol of what they are not."

For the most part, the law does not protect homosexuals like it does the general population, according to Herek. He notes that discrimination based on sexual orientation is not prohibited, except in four states and several cities.

The experiences of lesbian and gay victims who report hate crimes provide further evidence American society is willing to condone prejudice, discrimination and violence against them, said. Victims frequently find police to be unprofessional, indifferent or even hostile. The victims also are regularly accused of provoking or inviting attacks by making unwelcome and aggressive sexual overtures. Known as the "homosexual panic defense," this tactic is based on the stereotype of gays as sexually predatory, and on the assumption that murder is an appropriate response to a sexual advance by one man to another, if such an overture actually occurred.

"Hate Crimes" offers a number of policy recommendations for addressing anti-gay hate crimes. One of the most significant steps would be eliminating institutional barriers that categorize homosexuals as undeserving of equal legal protection, according to the book. That would mean providing protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and services, and abolishing laws that criminalize sexual conduct between adults.

"Hate Crimes" is available from Sage Publications, 2445 Teller Road, Newbury Park, CA 91320. The publisher may be reached at (805) 499-0721.

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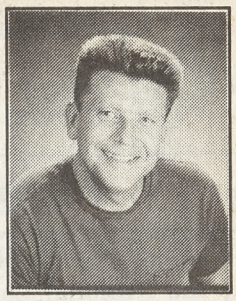

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Happy Lesbian New Year: In the 12 months since the National Lesbian Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in 4/91, the ideals of active anti-oppressions and individual accountability have continued to rumble through our community. Here is a retro look.

We have witnessed (1) Sharon Kowalski come home (a sad 'victory,' after 7 long, unjust years); (2) the Boy Scouts struggle with whether to accept openly gay members - though we have long known about Girl Scouts! - (write to Forgotten Scouts, 1072 Folsom Street, Suite 383, San Francisco CA 94103); and .(3) the U.S military struggle about what to do with lesbian/gay enlistees. Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer, Chief Nurse of the Washington State National Guard, recipient of the Bronze Star for valor in Vietnam, now faces discharge because she is a lesbian, following on the heels of discharged lesbian Army Reserve Captain Dusty Pruitt. An October 1991 March on Washington by the National Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) coincident with National Coming Out Day, protested the government's homophobic policies; a new bimonthly publication for women veterans offers resources and networking (Pallas Athena, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844); and the Canadian Forces-may be preparing to open to lesbians and gays.

In January, Quantum Leap joined Roseanne, LA Law, and other television shows in portraying positive images of lesbian, gay, and bisexual characters. Did you catch the February 24 crimetime after primetime Sweating Bullets episode in which 2 lesbians, both upscale white femmes, had conspired as the murderers: is this progress? In Seattle, Washington, Sherry Harris became the first openly lesbian African-American elected a official in the US; Black lesbian poet Audre Lorde was named Official State poet of New York in November; and the Creating Change Conference, held near D.C., was a multicultural step forward. To network with lesbian anti-racists, write: Practicing Antiracism, HCR 73, Box 169C, Drury MO 65638.

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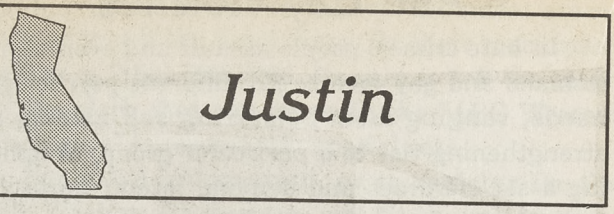

LeatherSpace

What do the terms Top & Bottom, Master & Slave , Daddy & Boy all have in common? It is that they all describe a basic attitude that is part of most leather relationships. Perhaps nowhere else is the concept of each person's role so set in the relationship. For the most part when people gay or straight meet others and get involved in some type of relationship, the idea of each person's role or status is far from their thoughts or at most plays a very small part of the attraction and ongoing building process. Most leather relationships start with this idea as the very foundation on which the relationship is built. To most people that are not active in the leather scene the prevailing concept is that there are far more Tops than Bottoms, when in actuality the exact opposite is true, The definition of terms is a little easier to explain.

The terms Top and Bottom are fairly generic in leather. Basically the-Top is the one that will decide or set up the initial scene or concept where sex is concerned and will also tend to steer the relationship in the general course it will follow. The Bottom is usually someone that desires another to take the leading role that they may follow. Quite often a Bottom will be someone who in their daily life is in fact a leader and in their private life wishes to put aside the responsibility and duty of leadership. Others are people who are just more comfortable in a followers role, especially where relationships and sex are concerned. With Tops and Bottoms the true concept of dominance and submission are more role playing than life commitments.

In the case of Master and Slave the concept of dominance and submission are much more of an actuality than simple role playing. Yes, many times a Top and Bottom may enact a fantasy where the roles are much more in depth than just simple leader and follower ideas. But for the most part those who are into true Master and Slave concepts tend to live the roles rather than just play them. This also tends to be true for those people into a Daddy and Boy type scene, except that here one real difference is that the Daddy is usually much older than the Boy and that both are looking for a very real type of

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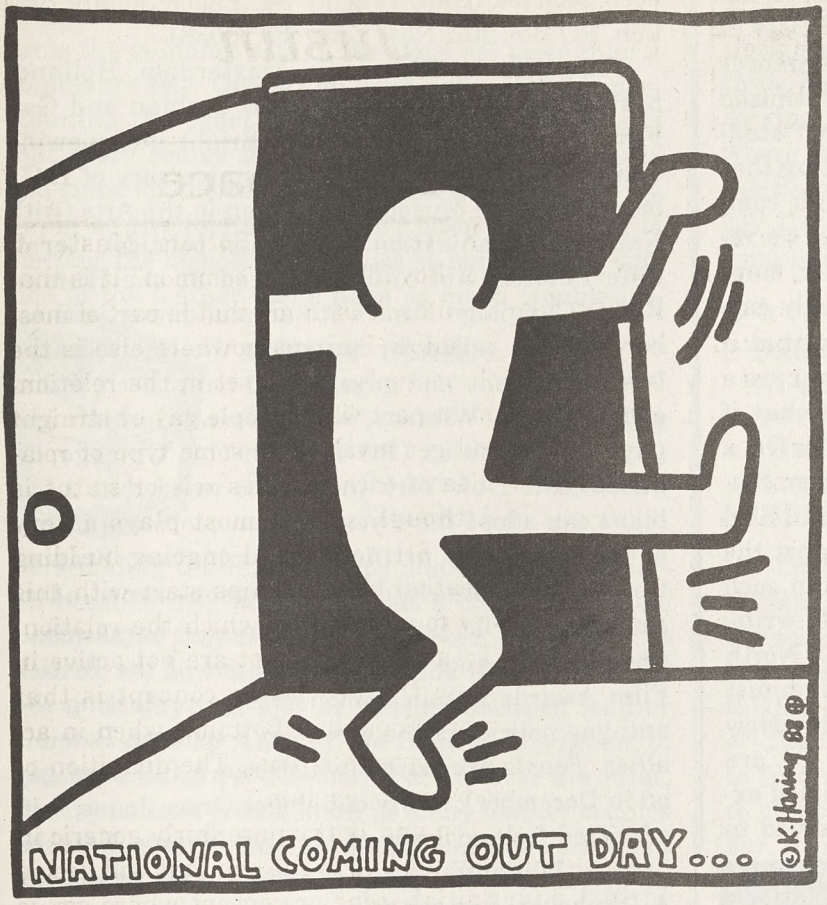

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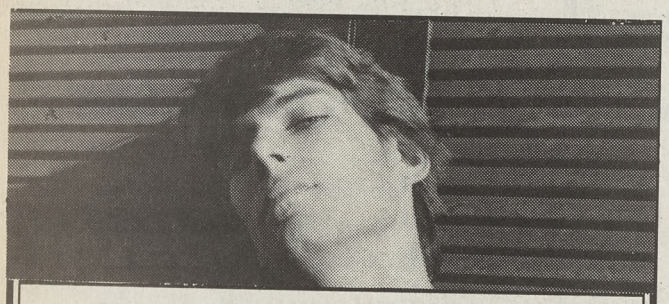
and/or genetic bases for homosexuality (autopsy pathologies, twin studies)? Though the nature/nurture controversy certainly is relevant to us, it can only be hoped that such research will help society at large to understand and cherish human differences and that we, as a community, will not be scrutinized like laboratory anomalies. Lesbians were not studied; it is dismaying but perhaps not surprising that lesbians remain invisible within the scientific community, but it is anguishing to realize that we remain unconsidered within the gay community, since all of the scientists involved are self-reportedly gay.

Sports fans: the messages in 1991 were that if you are HIV+, you can't play sports and, if you are a straight male and HIV+ you are a hero (what if Magic Johnson were a woman or lesbian?). On a more positive note, not only is Susan Butcher continuing to compete in the Alaska Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, but she is also speaking out against the sometimes inhumane treatment of the dogs in such races (for more information on ecofeminism, write: Feminists for Animal Rights, PO Box 10017, North Berkeley Station, Berkeley CA 94709 or Ecofeminist Vision Emerging, 402 West 46th Street #3w, New York NY 10036). Plans for the Gay Games IV, are moving forward: Paula Pressley has been named executive director of the event, which is scheduled to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising (June 25 – July 4), and a new logo, designed by Vicki Jones of Sydney, Australia, has been selected (New York in '94, Times Square Station, PO Box 202, New York NY 10036).

The arts: in December, Amsterdam, Holland, hosted the second International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, featuring Susie Bright interviewing Sandra Bernhard. It's the 5th anniversary of D.C.-based National Museum of Women in the Arts (with National Organization for Women politics). Geraldine Ferraro not only keynoted at the Human Rights Campaign Fund's 8th annual dinner in October, but she called for an end to the US military's ban on lesbians and gays during her speech. Other allies: Oprah Winfrey, who presents lesbian and gays as real folks (PO Box 909715, Chicago, IL 60690); the New York judge who ruled that 2 lesbians can adopt the 6-year old son conceived by one of the women by artificial insemination; Frances Conley, MD, Stanford neurosurgeon-turned-advocate against Old Boys' Network sexual harassment; Shirley MacLaine who stormed out of the British Film Awards to join demonstrators protesting the anti-gay policies of the ceremony's sponsor. Possible allies: *People Magazine* (which ran a full-page gay ad in December); newly out singer Grace Jones; self-admitted lesbian lover of Marilyn Monroe Natasha Lytegs; Madonna – who speaks openly about the AIDSphobia, homophobia, and misogyny in society.

Martina Navratilova's galimony suit with former lover Judy Nelson goes to trial April 6; March on Waghington organizers meet April 25; and the Florida Lesbians' Festival happens Easter weekend (write to Particular Productions, 2854 Coastal Highway, Saint Augustine FL 32095). The 4th Gulf Coast Women's Festival, April 15-19, has been moved from its original site near Jackson, Mississippi, to Biloxi, Mississippi, due to anti-semitism and homophobia (embezzlement charges against the former camp manager are pending). If you're planning to go, please contact Brenda Henson updates: GCWF, 1806 Curcor Drive, Gulfport MS 39507 or (601)896-3196 (if you mention this article, you will receive $10 off your admission ticket). Performing will be Pam Hall (local singer who has just recorded her debut disc at June Millington's Institute for the Musical Arts), Jamie Anderson (her new follow-up to CLOSER TO HONE is due out soon), British-born folk-comic Zoe Lewis, and Carole and Bren, a sweet harmonic duo from the 80s (THIRTEEN SHIPS is an oldie but goodie). As always, please send your news to Laura Post, PO Box 207, Alameda CA 94501 or call (510) 273-9496.



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Daddy and son relationship. The Daddy desires someone that he can care for and teach in the time they are together. And the Boy or son is looking for someone that will take care of the Boy and will assume the guidance role in the Boys life more than a dominance one. One of the hard parts about understanding the exact roles in these relationships is that every couple tends to set their own standards and rules for the relationship, and the labels we try to pin on the relationship don't often work. That is perhaps the biggest reason that so many others outside of the leather scene have so much trouble understanding the relationships and leather in general, because they attempt to put a label on it. None really fit, so they can't conceive how it could work. It amazes me how many people think that there could never be any real love or passion between leather couples since so much of the relationship seems to revolve around the dominance of one over the other, but it just isn't true. I know of many leather couples that have very deep love and emotions between them, and their relationships are very strong in all the traditional ways except perhaps when it comes to sex. And after all, when it comes to sex how many couples, gay or straight have never role played in some way or another, even bondage and the ever popular "love slave" idea?

HANKIE CODES:
Orange
Left Pocket - Anything Anytime!
Right Pocket - Nothing Now, Thanks!

Where sex is concerned most people believe that the Top is the one who is in total and absolute control of any leather scene, certainly where bondage is a part of it. In fact though, it is the Bottom that holds most of the true and ongoing control. There are of course lot's of cases out there in leatherland where this is not so, but for the vast majority, the Bottom is in truth running the show as far as the ultimate control of the scene goes. It is up to the Bottom to allow the scene to progress and to what level, usually based on pre-set rules and limits agreed to by both parties. Once these rules are set it's the Top's responsibility to control the scene and not let it get carried away. However it is the Bottom's responsibility to pre-think exactly what it is that they are looking for in a scene and to stick with once it's agreed to. Often times a Bottom will approach a Top with a very general idea of what is desired and after they begin a scene the Bottom will start dictating terms and conditions to the Top. If a Bottom asks a Top to take them and do as the Top pleases, then that is what the Bottom should expect, The time to establish rules is before hand, not during. Few things are more irritating to a Top than a Bottom who says that they want to try out something new only to have them wimp out at the start. Again, I'm not talking about the extreme cases where the Top ends up being too rough and hurting the Bottom, I'm just speaking to those Bottoms who say they want something without thinking it out completely.

HANKIE CODES:
Light Blue
Left Pocket - Wants Head
Right Pocket - Gives Head

Another side of this issue is that quite often a Bottom will go into a major leather bar like the San Francisco Eagle and cruise around until they have attracted the interest of a Top, When two get to talking (or worse, after they have left with each other) the Bottom will state that they are not really into leather, they just wanted to find a real butch guy to go home with. If you decide to cruise in a leather bar, expect the guys in there to be into leather and into leather sex, not just tease games, Those who are not sure what they want have lot's of places to go and find out. When you go to a mainstream leather place be very sure you have decided that is where you really want to be.

If you are the point where leather is something that you want to get into and explore, then by all means go do it. Most Tops are more than happy to help someone new to leather explore to their hearts content, and they will respect limits that are set by someone new to the scene. Most Tops are also happy to help out new or inexperienced Tops learn new ideas and methods of doing different types scenes Most major cities also have clubs that are for leather men and women to socialize and party with each other, some even sponsor weekend outings and various types of workshops and demonstrations. The best way to find a group of this type is to look in magazines such as Drummer, or The Leather Journal, which have nationwide club listings and information.

In next months column we will start to actually explore the wide range of leather sex starting with the how to's and different styles of bondage. Until then, seek that which you desire, and for fun try it in leather.

Ira Gruber & Tina Jenneray

Sophisticated Gay & Lesbian Traveler

As New York City (and especially Manhattan) has rapidly deteriorated in the past few years, gay and lesbian club owners have been looking more at relocation in the outer boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. Some are even venturing out to Long Island, as well. But the wonderful thing about checking out some .of the spots in Brooklyn and Queens is that you can get to them on the subway. If you are going to Long Island you will need a car. A few clubs that we recommend are After 5 Plus at 5 Front Street [(718)852-0139] and (our favorite) Spectrum at 802 64th Street [(718)238-8213] when you are in Brooklyn. Queens offers Breadstix at 113-24 Queens Blvd. [(718)263-0300] and Hatfield's at 126-10 Queens Blvd. [(718)261-8484] in Forest Hills; in Jamaica try the Hideaway at 87-36 Parsons Blvd. [(718)657-4585]; and Jackson Heights has the Magic Touch at 73-13 37th Road [(718)429-8605]. Even Elmhurst offers a gay club, the Love Boat, at 77-02 Broadway (718-428-8670. The venerable Northern Men's Sauna, located in Flushing also deserves a mention. It gets a big Oriental following. Their number is 718-3599817. All in all there are now about 22 gay/lesbian nightspots in Queens, Brooklyn and Long Island. So next time you are in the Big Apple take a bite out of the boroughs and forget the old Greenwich Village scene. You may be pleasantly surprised.

Just as Manhattan is becoming more unappealing to the sophisticated gay and lesbian traveler, Chicago is looking more appetizing. The place we recommend for you to stay at is the Comfort Inn, located at 601 West Diversey Parkway. Why? Well, first of all they are usually running a weekend special for around $50 per night, and the hotel is located within a mile of at least twenty gay and lesbian bars. You can call them toll free at 1-800-221-2222. Another suggestion (and only a block away) is the Diversey Days Inn. This hotel appears to be filled with gay and lesbian travelers as well. Here you can book an advance purchase rate of just $49 per night and stay as long as a week. Both hotels offer all-you-can-eat breakfast buffets in charming European breakfast rooms off the Main lobby, and the Continental breakfasts are guaranteed to keep you afloat

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Ernie Brown

Views From River City

There are two things to aim for in life: first, to get what you want; and after that, to enjoy it! Only the wisest of mankind achieves the second. The test of enjoyment is the remembrance which it leaves behind.

Whenever you are sincerely pleased you are nourished, and during the month of March everyone was nourished. The highlight was the Annual Camp Awards held at Joseph's Town and Country. It was a very successful, fun event. Thanks to LaKish and Skip for pulling this off. Everyone had a good time. The show the next day at The Western, emceed by Stacey and Paul, continued the merriment. The Camp Awards were a benefit fund-raiser for the Fairy Godfathers Fund. $1,180 was raised. The Godfather's Fund would like to thank the entire community for their participation. I have to repeat: it was a fun-filled evening! Congratulations!

April is going to be a fun month, too. One of the highlights is that Joseph's Town and Country are celebrating their fourth anniversary. When? April 8. Time? 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. What? A complimentary buffet fit for the gods. Admission $2. All proceeds go to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Joseph, congratulations to you and your entire staff for the last four years!

Here is another highlight for April: Sacramento's CGNIE Coronation. The festivities start Thursday, April 23rd with the "In-town Show" starting at 8 p.m. at Faces. No cover. Then, on Friday night, the festivities continue with the "Out of Town Show" April 24th, held at The Town House. Time 10:30 p.m., admission $5. Then the crowning glory will be the following night, April 25th, "The Coronation" at Turn Verien Hall, 3349 J Street. Doors open 6 p.m. Showtime 7 p.m. Admission $20.

Listen up! It's not over yet. The Coronation Victory Brunch is Sunday, April 26th at Faces starting at 11 a.m. Admission $10. This is going to be a different Victory Brunch. It's a barbecue. It's a good idea! If tradition follows, right after the Victory Brunch The Western across the street from Faces usually has a Sunday afternoon show. I am sure the tradition will continue.

The Wreck Room is having the bare chest contest Saturday, April 25th, starting at 10 p.m.

LaKish is doing it again. An auction on April

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until dinnertime. Also, both hotels are located just minutes from "New Town", and just steps away from famous Lincoln Park (designed by the renowned Daniel Burnham) where you will delight in a stroll through the world famous Lincoln Park Zoo, one of the few remaining free zoos of quality left in the country.

One attraction in Chicago that we always visit whenever we are in the city is the world's tallest building, the Sears Tower, where two express elevators wait to whisk you up 1,353 ft. to the observation deck on the 103rd floor. You will soar to this height in just over one minute. It can literally take your breath away. The Sears Tower is actually 110 stories tall. It took over three years to construct and this year it celebrates its nineteenth birthday. The building contains enough concrete to build an eight-lane highway five miles long and has more than 16,000 bronze-tinted windows and 28 acres of black duranodic aluminum skin. Wow!

You will thrill to the view of Chi-town from the observation deck, but there is more to see than the spectacular view. Wander through thirty unique shops, check out the seven restaurants and don't forget to stop for a look at the 56-ft. high glass atrium located at the Wacker Street entrance. Everyone seems to get a kick out of viewing the Alexander Calder sculpture "Universe" as well. Installed in 1974, this unique work of art is composed of five moving elements which are motor-driven. The Skydeck Tower is open from 9 a.m. until midnight seven days a week. If you are traveling by "el" from your hotel, get off at the Franklin Street stop.

Other "must-see" attractions include the Jane Adams Hull House Museum, the Adler Planetarium, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Brookfield Zoo (free on Tuesdays), the Chicago Academy of Sciences, the Chicago Historical Society, the Chicago Public Library Cultural Center, the Field Museum of Natural History, the Museum of Broadcast Communications, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Museum of Contemporary Photography, the Museum of Science & Industry (the Midwest's leading tourist attraction), the Spertus Museum of Jewish Art & Culture, the Terra Museum of Art, the John Shedd Aquarium, the newest and largest public library in the world (costing the city over $150 million to complete), and one that you won't find in any of the guidebooks, but which we both agree is a notable Chicago landmark worth a visit, the Elks National Memorial Building, located at 2750 Lakeview Ave. Also of special interest to gays and lesbians of Hispanic origin is the Mexican Fine Arts Center at

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2nd, at The Merc, starting at 7 p.m. It's a benefit for PAARC. She needs items. Drop them off at The Merc.

Coming soon: extra, extra! Ernie Brown and LaKish presents "A First Black and White Ball," date to be announced.

We have two candidates for our new empress, Stacey and Racine. One candidate for emperor, Paul. Come out Saturday, April 18th, and vote for your favorite candidate. Voting will take place at the Lambda Community Center, at 20th and L Streets. You have enough events for April to keep you busy! So get out there, partake and enjoy!

In Memorium, God's fingers touched him, and he slept. Ray Dexter.

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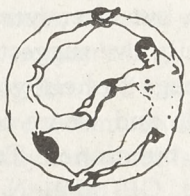

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Now, if your interest lies in the night scene, we suggest that you pick up a copy of Gay Chicago or Nightlines, both of which can be found in hip stores near the Comfort and Days Inns. With the largest gay/lesbian nightlife in the country concentrated in one area, we think a weeks stay in gay Chicago is absolutely funtastic! Also, for a great "pig-out" place to eat, we recommend trying Randalli's Pizzeria and Sports Bar. Although the crowd will be more on the straight side, the pizza, BBQ, steaks and pastas really can't be beat. Ranalli's is located at 1925 N. Lincoln, near Lincoln Park.

We like to visit Chicago in the shoulder season, because the extreme heat of summer and cold of winter can be brutal to someone who lives in a fairly temperate climate like we do, but whenever you decide to check out the "windy city" we suggest you begin with a copy of Gay Chicago to help you make some decisions on what to do and where to go besides what we have already mentioned. To obtain one, send $2 to Gay Chicago, GPI 3121 N. Broadway, Chicago IL or call (312)327-7271. For more information on Chicago's many attractions call 1 (800) ITS-CHGO for the Tourism Council's travel packet.

GIRLJOCK

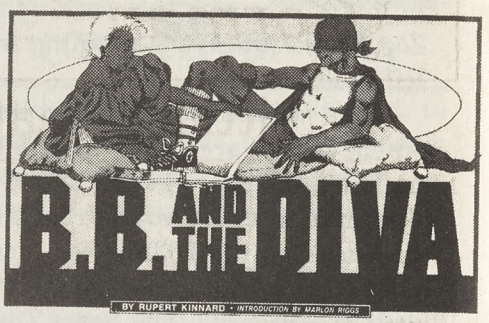
Fresh Humor and Politics with a Good Dose of Irreverence!

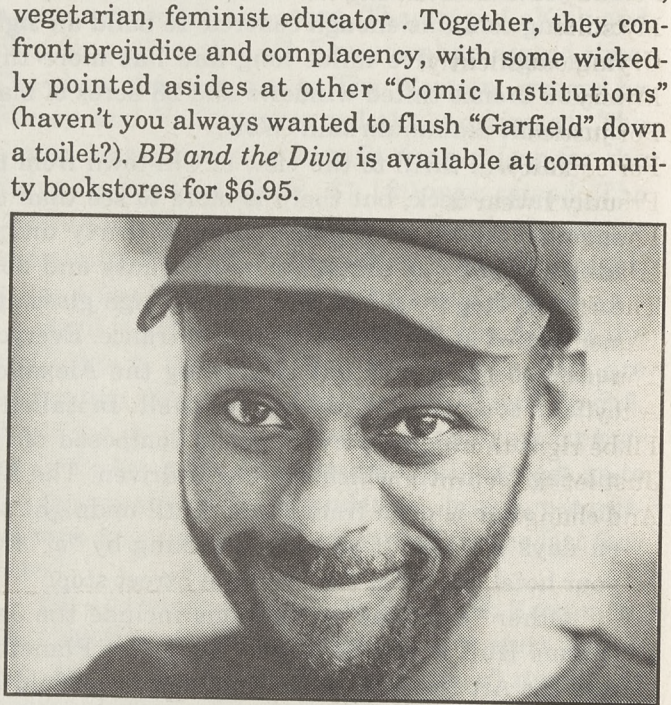
A fringe benefit of being the editor of a magazine is that all sorts of people I have never met keep sending me stuff! I get letters and press releases, buttons and postcards, and, on exceptional occasions, even just released books and recordings! Recently, an especially giddy treasure found its way to PATLAR, a new magazine out of Berkeley entitled GIRLJOCK. This brash and thought-provoking foray into the world of the "athletic lesbian with a political conscience" is a marvelously spirited new voice not to be missed.

GIRLJOCK is a showcase for some remarkable talents in new women's humor and commentary, and it will strike a responsive chord for many in our community. Appearing on a quarterly basis, GIRLJOCK can be reached at 2060 Third Street, Berkeley, CA 94710, (510) 704-0603. A year's subscription is only $12.00.

Bomber is Right on Target!

Alyson Publications has released a compilation of Rupert Kinnard's *Brown Bomber and the Diva* comics which is certain to tickle your funny bone and raise your social conscience. The Brown Bomber is the first Gay African-American superhero and the Diva is his best friend, a reincarnated African-American lesbionic, vegetarian, feminist educator . Together, they confront prejudice and complacency, with some wickedly pointed asides at other "Comic Institutions" (haven't you always wanted to flush "Garfield" down a toilet?). *BB and the Diva* is available at community bookstores for $6.95.





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in our affair.
(I ceased to be a virgin the night the moon winked at me)
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That skyline and I are ancient sisters,
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Camp Song

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you would like me
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receiving, receiving except
don't get sticky. Show
some guts, nerve
by keeping them hidden.
Now don't be cold honey-bunny.
Don't be stand-offish. You might miss out
on ME, big body buddy with this rivet
rivet stare, these biceps, well-toned.
Somebody please hand me a few pins,
enough for each muscle, plus a muzzle
for the lips.
Am I bitter? Am I a bitch?
Good lord, to discover you might
be with a woman, meaning: wimp.
Same difference to el butter-ball
struttin' in that corner, just another
one of the boys in his he-man tank top.
Shee-iiittt. I'm supposed to worship that.
Tell me quick, how to become agnostic.
Hey! Now cut that out!
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That's internalized hatred. Ain't
cha got any sense? Next
you'll be hounding me 'bout
the old nuclear family rap:
Get committed. Settle down.
I say live & let live. Stop
callin' it as you see it
& kneel when I stalk. You
the fire for my dessire &
baby, didn't anyone tell you:
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—*S.E. Mead*

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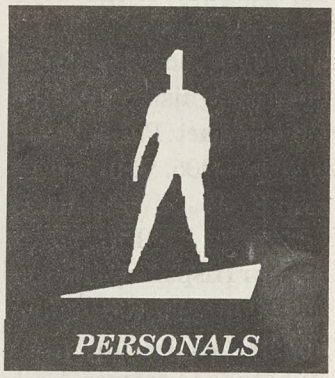

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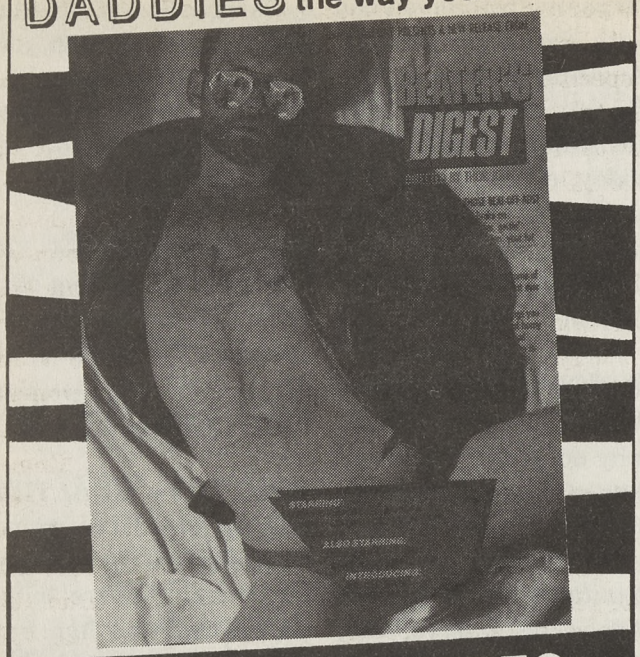

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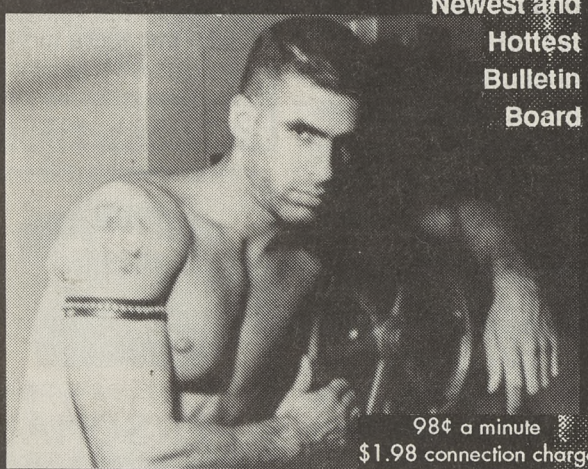

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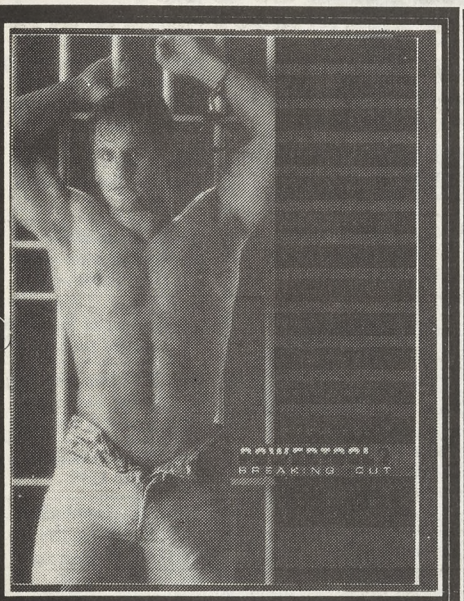

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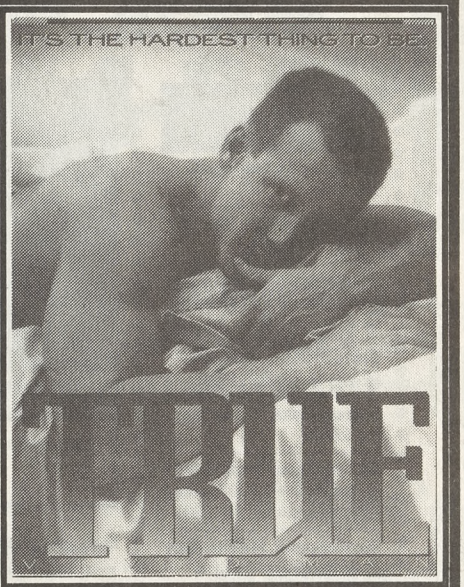

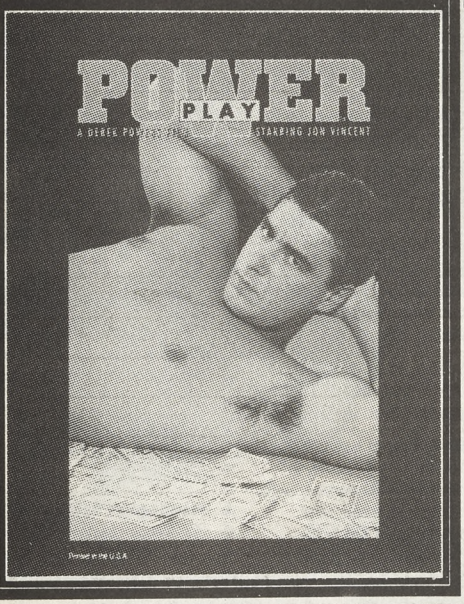

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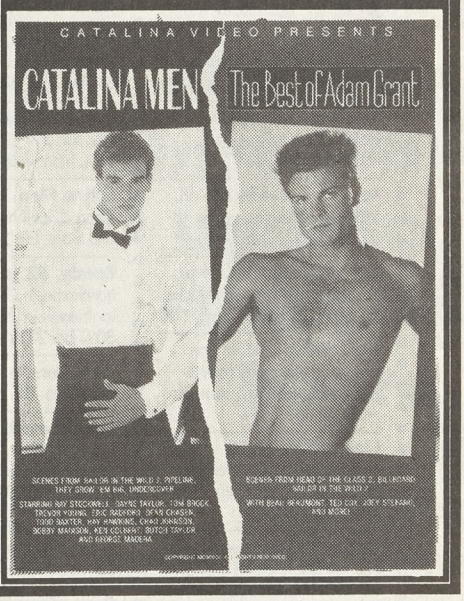

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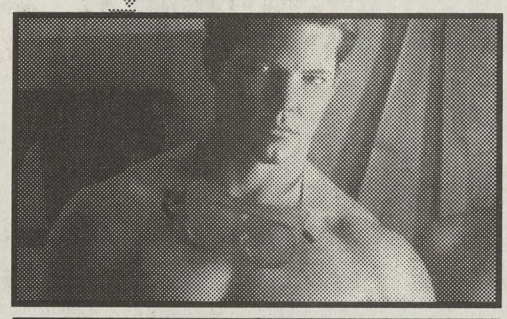

THIS WEEK'S MAN FINDER MAIN ATTRACTION

Sacramento, Latin, 6'3, loves sports, 30, 175, looking for Asian, or Italians. Ext. 3169

Wrestling? Blond, blue eyes, Bob, 6', 195, well built. Ext. 2419

Sacramento, CA, above average?? gentleman let's connect. Ext. 2438

Just Divorced, San Mateo, CA, 53, 5'7", 150 lbs., blue eyes, blond hair. Ext. 2430

Latino Men, 35-40 in SF, Richard, looking for friends and more. Ext. 2589

Randy, 32, blond hair, handsome, in Concord, looking for friendly in shape guy early 30's. Ext. 2318

Dan, wants to meet guys anywhere. Ext. 1896

Handsome Rich, in Mountain View, CA, call anytime for phone fun or lover for relationship. Ext. 1678

Laid back, Erin, 27, 6', soft brown eyes, long black hair. Ext. 2236 call me.

Bruce, from Washington state, Energetic, handsome. Ext. 2086

Troy for great conversation, you won't be disappointed. Call and find out why. Ext. 2344

Will, 21, GBM, drop me a line at my mail box. Ext. 2452

Bill, black male, 6ft. slim muscular seeks good times and to meet people, no one nighters. Ext. 1710

Eric, want to play anyway you want, Ext. 1635

Seeking young bi-sexual, need intro to gay world. Please call me to talk more. Call my box. Ext. 1591

Glenn, Italian, Ext. 2139

25, 5'8, 135, looking for man own age, interested in talking. Ext. 2000

Single 5'9 130, athletic. Ext. 1982

Scott, 27 brown hair brown eyes 6'1 clean cut, looking for other guys. Call and I'll call you back. Ext. 1826

Bruce, 5'10 150 lbs. Ext. 1822

GMM 5'11, 160lbs, hairy chest, strong legs, nice body. Call me tonight. Ext. 1819

Bill, loves sports, active discreet man. Let's work out. Ext. 1706

Julian, 22, looking for top muscular for encounters, leave name and number. Ext. 1603

Steven, likes Italians, blondes, bodybuilders to share good times, Ext. 1699

Frank 22, Asian, 5'9 180lb, enjoy sports, football & basketball. Let's connect. Ext. 1604

Well built, traveling coast to coast. I enjoy Sports, one nights, clean fun, Ext. 1890

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Some like it Ruff, Well fit strong men, drop me a line. Ext. 1741

Greg, 24, brown hair, blue eyes, looking for companionship, someone interesting, honest and sincere for midnite dates. Call tonight. Let's meet. Ext. 1749

Gentlemen, I'm available, GM, 20 Philippino, looking for exciting whites or latinos 18-30, let's do it, call my box. Ext. 1779

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Surfer Boy, loves the beach. Like to swim seeking 18-25 year olds. Ext. 1670

Rick, blond hair, 39'6 180lbs, very fit, young at heart seeks life partner, walks on the beach and roller coaster rides. Ext.1709

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Jason, 21, East-Indian, like fishing movies, dining, and love getting massages! Ext. 1605

Surfer Boy, young California dude, 21, seek same for fun in the sun. Partier a plus. Ext. 1893

Wayne, blue eyes, mustache, clean, seeking new friends, no commitments. Ext. 1721

Tom, 23 years young, College jock, blond, blue eyes. Call Me! Ext. 2629

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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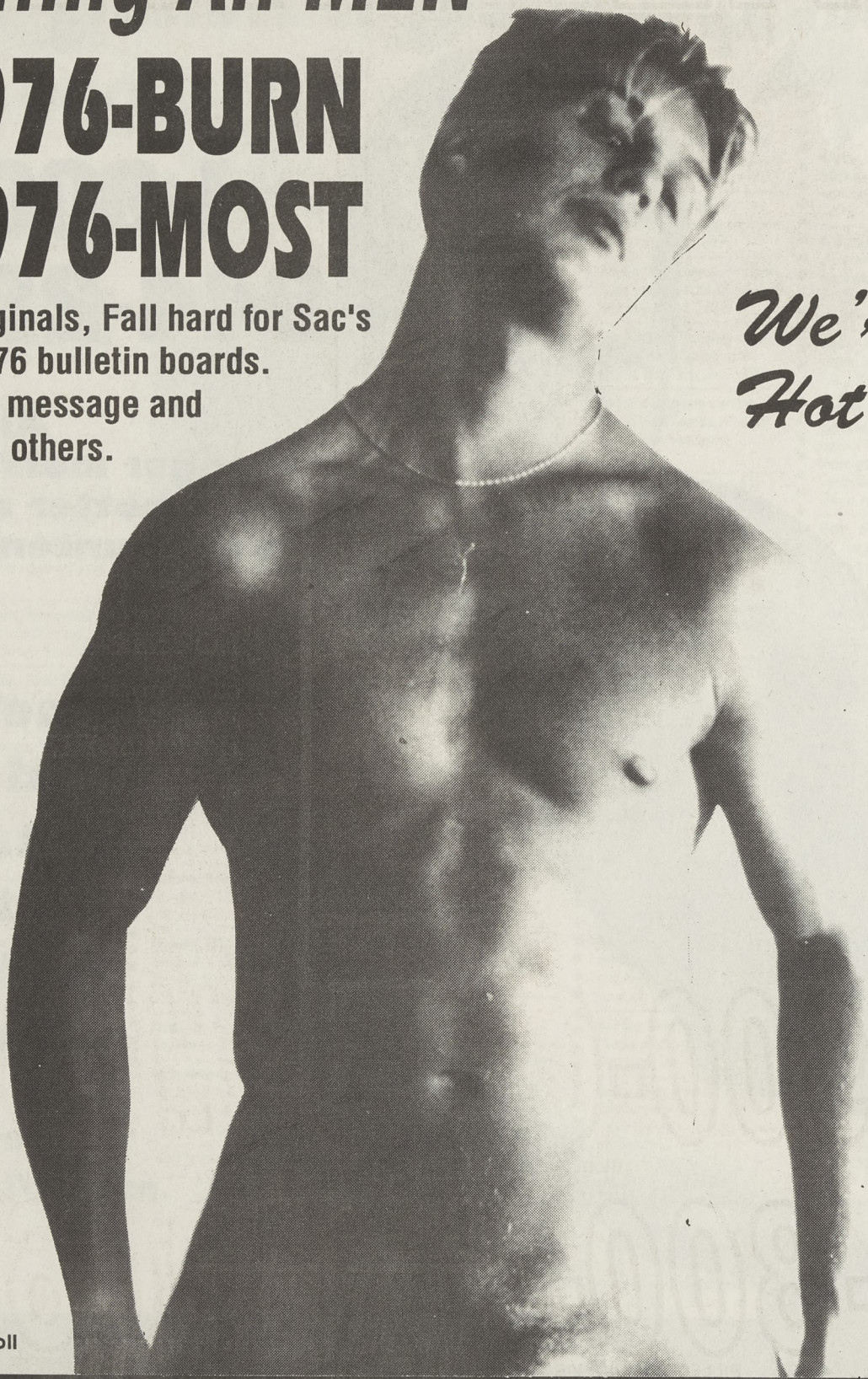

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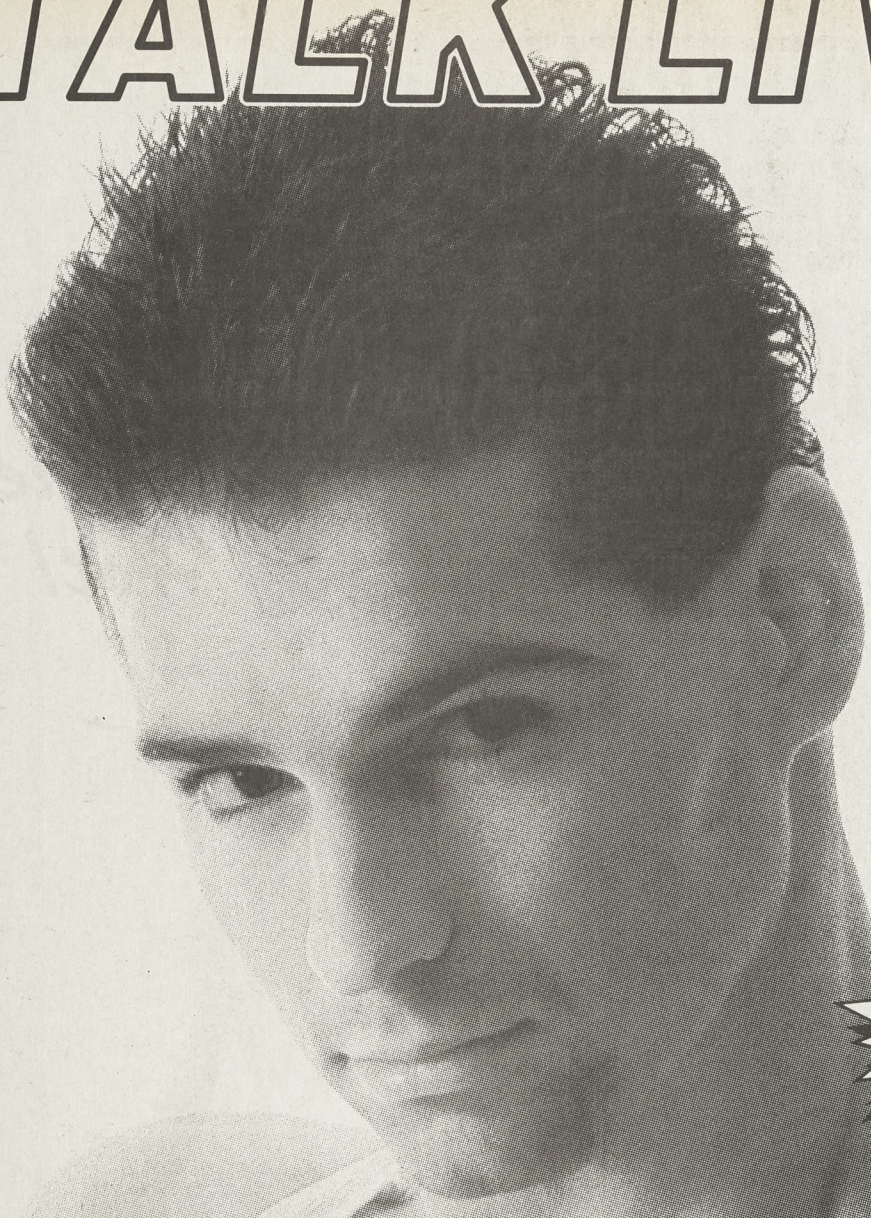

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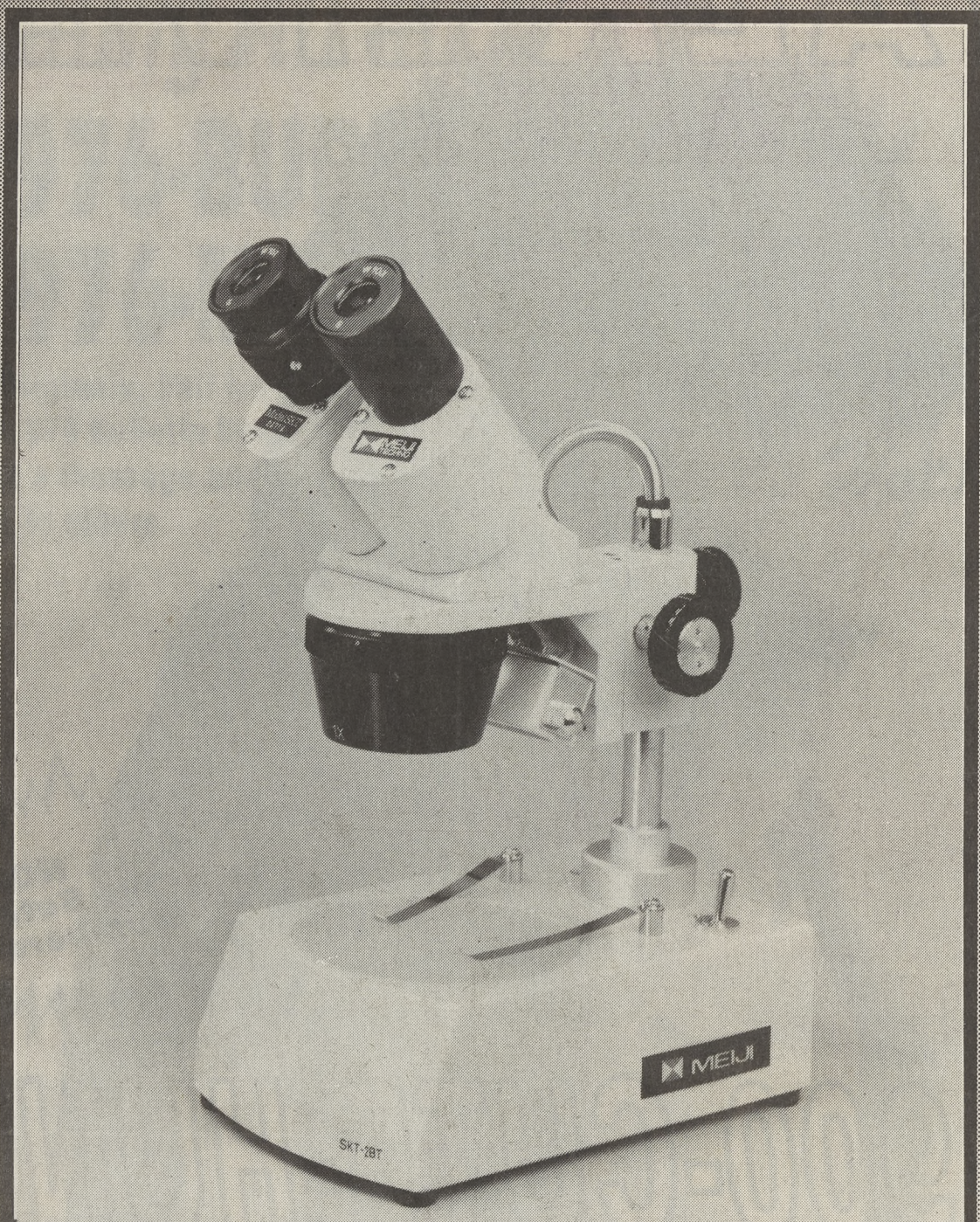

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